

Remarks

In the 04/09/2009 office action, claims 11-13 were considered as containing allowable subject matter, but were objected to for depending on a rejected base claim.

Applicant has amended claim 11 to include the composition of previous claim 1. Applicant has further amended claims 2 – 7 and 12-13 to depend on present claim 11.

Applicant has canceled claims 1, 8, 9, and 10.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eguchi et al. (US Patent 4,316,941) in view of Ohmori et al. (US Patent 5,021,527).

Applicant believes this rejection is now moot in view of the present claim amendments.

The present response is being submitted within the three-month shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant authorizes the USPTO to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees that should be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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